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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel of Circular Single Knit
Printed Jersey Fabric (Investigation No. 332-458-020)

The U.S. International Trade Commission initiated a review to provide advice concerning a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on apparel of circular single knit printed jersey fabric. The petition describes the fabric as (1) a jacquard geometric rib stitch, (2) 64% polyester staple, 35.5 - 35.8% cotton, and 0.2 - 0.5% spandex, (3) 6.06 square meters per kilogram, (4) 54.14 metric (32/1 English) spun, filament core yarn, (5) 28 gauge, and (6) both piece-dyed and printed, classified in HTS statistical reporting number 6006.34.00.80. Further information on the petition is available on the website of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/fr2004/comav32.htm>.

The petition was filed on behalf of Jaclyn, Inc., New York, NY, by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on September 20, 2004. The petition states that the fabric is similar to that named in a petition filed on behalf of Jaclyn, Inc., on August 30, 2004, with slight variations in the fiber content, weight and gauge, and a significant variation in the finish. In particular, the fabric named in the new petition is a piece-dyed and printed fabric of 28 gauge, whereas the fabric named in the earlier petition is a piece-dyed fabric of 24 gauge (HTS 6006.32.00.80). The new petition alleges that the subject fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will provide probable economic effects advice in the review for the napped sheeting fabrics under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible

countries from the specified fabrics or yarns, regardless of the source of such inputs, should CITA determine that the fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission plans to submit its advice for this review in a classified report to USTR by November 1, 2004. The Commission will issue a public version of the review soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by October 18, 2004. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of February 9, 2004 (69 F.R. 6003) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Information on this review may be obtained from Brian Allen (202-708-4728); brian.allen@usitc.gov. Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/CA.htm>